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METALS/MATERIALS DIVISION

Members of the Metals/Materials Division share information concerning all phases of metals and materials procurement, production, properties, applications and handling by means of educational activities, cooperative programs, publications and Division-sponsored events at annual conferences.

FROM THE CHAIR

TANYA BARBER



Lasagna . . .
Tanya.

Now that this delectable little rhyme has your attention (and you know the correct pronunciation of my name), I wish that all of you could have

made it to Montreal, a walking city indeed! The range of opportunities to listen and learn provided at this year's conference, along with an extensive array of vendor exhibits and an exciting host city, contributed to a worthwhile annual conference.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

For the benefit of those unable to make the trip to Montreal to participate in division programming, or for those who haven't yet mastered the art of being in more than one place at the same time, vendors and information specialists were featured in the two-part "Finding Materials and Processing Information" session, attracting a standing room only audience. Good food and friendly conversation were enjoyed at the reception, hosted together with seven other divisions in the extraordinary Chinese Garden of

the Montreal Botanical Gardens. Two other co-sponsored panel presentations-- "Contracting Out: Beyond Document Delivery" and "Maximizing Our Effectiveness: Information Specialists Working with Translation Providers"-- and two networking breakfasts round out the highlights of an impressive Division schedule of activities during conference week.

Funding contributed by several vendors helped us keep our financial balance well out of the red this year. Vendor support for the Division's conference activities absorbed all costs of this year's conference. Our sincere thanks are extended to our sponsoring vendors and all who joined us. Sponsors included American Chemical Society--Chemical Abstracts Service, ASM International, Engineering Index, Lexis-Nexis, and University Microfilms International. If you are in contact with any of the aforementioned, please let them know how much we appreciate their willingness to help ensure our success.

After five full days of conference activities and meetings, I left Montreal exhausted but full of renewed enthusiasm for the profession and looking forward to the 87th conference in Boston! Planning for "The Information Revolution: Pathway to the 21st Century" is well underway. You'll hear more about the

program as we work with other divisions to finalize content and speakers.

PLAUDITS

I would like to express my thanks to Linda Senkus, outgoing Chair, for her service to the division, for the excellent programs she planned for us in Montreal, and for the valued advice and counsel she has given me throughout the year. Linda's energy, dedication, and true professionalism show through in all she does. With her excellent training and your support, I look forward to serving as your chair this year. A special note of thanks to the slate of outgoing officers for their diligence in fulfilling their responsibilities during the past year.

Congratulations to all of our new officers and a warm welcome to Patricia Cromi, Chair-Elect. At the end of this column, I am including a list of the new officers who will be serving our division this upcoming year. They are a dedicated and enthusiastic group of people. I encourage you to contact any of us should you have concerns you think we can help solve. Ideas and suggestions as to how the division may better meet members' needs at conference will make ours a more constructive group. Make your opinions known. This is your division, and your thoughts and actions can make a difference. Reading this, but not a member of Metals/Materials? Well, give it a chance and join us!

PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

I have several specific objectives for the coming year that, with your help, we will achieve. My first goal is to draft a blueprint for the direction of the Division in the form of a strategic plan.

An ad hoc Planning Committee is being assembled to review our long-range plan. If you are new to Metals/Materials, or have been around but are now ready to get involved a little more, this is a great opportunity to get to know others in the division while doing something worthwhile with your colleagues. Linda Senkus has agreed to lead the discussion regarding the future role of the Division and how we fit into the Association. If you would like to join in this discussion, feel free to contact Linda at The Torrington Co., Technical Information Center, P.O. Box 1008, Torrington, CT 06790-1008, 203-626-3290, senkusl@torrington.com.

In an effort to update the Division Bylaws, an ad hoc Bylaws Committee has been convened to review the present bylaws, which were approved several years ago. If you are interested in working on the Bylaws Committee, please contact Marty Rhine at RR 5, Box 332, Marion, IL 62959, 618-964-1775.

An increase in involvement of members in all aspects of Division activities is another important objective. Our divisional perpetuity needs to be reflected in the active participation of each of us. Are you willing to volunteer for a job that may interest you, use your talents, and reward you professionally? Do you have thirty minutes to an hour to write up a brief description of your site or other items of interest such as news about yourself and fellow Division members, projects that you are involved in, scheduled meetings that might interest other members, bibliographies of subject materials, reviews of print or electronic products? Submit items of interest to Jean Whelan, our bulletin reporter.

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**METALS/MATERIALS LISTSERV
AVAILABLE!**

By Linda Evans

Do you think you have exhausted all your sources for an elusive answer to a metals or materials question? A new source is available--direct access to your fellow information specialists via the Metals/Materials Division Listserv. Send your difficult (or nearly impossible) to answer questions and discover if someone else knows the answer!

The Metals/Materials Listserv is an open listserv; you do not have to belong to the M/M Division to subscribe. The Listserv is available to anyone with access to the Internet. Currently, the Listserv is housed at the U.S. Bureau of Mines Internet center in Pittsburgh, Pa. Linda Evans, M/M member, and her Internet guru, Matt Klevemann, are the "majordomos."

To use the Listserv, you must first register. Send a note to majordomo@holmes.usbm.gov. Leave the subject line blank and type the following on the first text line: subscribe slametalslist. The system will send you two responses. The

first tells you about the listserv, and the second lets you know that you have succeeded in subscribing. After you receive your notice, you may use the service by sending questions to: slametalslist@holmes.usbm.gov.

Each time a query is sent, it will be forwarded to all subscribers. Subscribers maintain their own files; replying, saving, deleting, etc., within their respective e-mail systems.

Keep communicating!

METALS/MATERIALS DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Patricia Cromi, Membership Chair

The breakfast and annual meeting of the Metals/Materials Division was held on Tuesday, June 13, 1995, at 7:30 AM in the Harricana Room of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Linda Senkus, Chair of the Division was present. Patricia Cromi, Membership Chair, took the minutes in the absence of secretary Susan Whitmore.

Linda Senkus welcomed those in attendance. She announced the new listserv set up by Linda Evans for the Metals/Materials Division. The address of the listserv is slametals@holmes.usbm.gov. The listserv will not be refereed and will be open to anyone, not just members of our division.

The slate of candidates was introduced for a vote: Tanya Barber, Chair; Patricia Cromi, Chair-elect; Suzanne Weiner, Membership Chair; Linda Evans, Secretary; and Delores Phegan, Treasurer. A motion was made to accept the slate. Open nomination for bulletin editor received no nominations. The slate was voted on and carried.

Linda proposed that a strategic committee be set up to take a look at the duties of the Metals/Materials officers and come up with a strategic plan for the Metals/Materials Division. She proposed setting up a committee that would report to Tanya at the Boston conference. Linda Senkus, Jean Whelan, and Martha Walunis agreed to be on this committee.

Linda asked for volunteers to look into updating the bylaws for the division. Martha Rhine volunteered to do this and report at the next annual meeting.

Ellis Mount thanked Linda for her planning and smooth execution of the programs for the Metals/Materials division. There was a round of applause for Linda from the rest in attendance.

Martha Walunis proposed that we use some money in the Metals/Materials treasury to have some stationery made up for the division. The motion was voted on and carried. Suzanne Weiner, the new Membership Chair will look into purchasing the stationery.

Linda closed by hoping to see everyone at the reception being held that night in the Botanical Gardens. There were 29 people in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.